

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

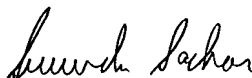
The Abstract is amended to be in more proper format under United States practice.

Claims 1-21 are canceled without prejudice and new claims 22-50 are presented for examination. New claims 22-50 are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including the original claims, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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